

**Abstract**

The present invention provides tissue capture devices configured to hold tissue in a distorted configuration. The devices may hold precaptured tissue in a distorted configuration or it may change their shape to cause the tissue to become deformed. Some embodiments of the device alter the configuration in areas that remain external to the tissue, while other embodiments change their configuration in areas that are implanted in the tissue. Other embodiments may be mechanically altered to hold the tissue in a distorted shape.